



# Department of Pesticide Regulation



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TO: COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: FIELD WORKER PESTICIDE SAFETY FOR MIXTEC WORKERS VIDEOS

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) contracted with KNXT Channel 49 to develop a five-volume set of pesticide-safety training videos for Mixtecs. As part of this contract with KNXT Channel 49, the videos were broadcast via a series of live call-in television shows in the Fresno area. The call-in portion of these programs are also included in the video. The Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's (CAC) Office was instrumental in guiding this project through development.

The Fresno CAC Office estimates there are approximately 20,000 Mixtecs employed as agricultural workers in Fresno County alone. These training videos are intended to meet both federal and California farmworker training requirements. Mixtecs are indigenous Indians from the Mexican state of Oaxaca. Most do not speak Spanish or English and there is no written Mixtico language.

The five-volume set is following a farmworker throughout the course of his workday and will talk about what he knows about pesticides and how to protection himself and his family. Listed below are the five Programs and the subject of each video:

Program 1 – What you need to know before you start work in the field.

Program 2 – Finding out about pesticide applications at your work.

Program 3 – Where you might find pesticides at the workplace and how to protect yourself.

Program 4 – What to do if a pesticide at work makes you sick.

Program 5 – Returning home after a long day in the field.

If you would like to receive a copy of the training videos and/or a copy of the English script for your office, please contact Charlene Martens at (916) 445-4261, or by e-mail at [cmartens@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:cmartens@cdpr.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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